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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 9th, 1905.

When we read that the American military police have had to appeal to AQUILALDO to assist them in suppressing the rebellious natives of Cavite; that that retired insurgent claimed to be now a man of peace, that it was not his business, and that he must respectfully decline; when we read further that he was insulted for so acting; and when the advent of a medical man with his wife and daughters from Hongkong is announced as a positive sensation; then we begin to think that all the talk of Manila as the trade centre of the Orient is perhaps a little premature, and that all is not so settled and peaceful as we have been led to believe. They seem as straws indicating the direction of the wind, or as smoke that betrays the presence of fire. Bishop G. AGUIRRE and the members of the Republican Party are issuing a manifesto which seems to have been evoked by the visit of the American Secretary for War, Mr. TART, and party. It gives the outsider, in the absence of properly serious comment by the local American papers, an apparently faithful idea of the issues of the day in the neighbouring islands. The manifesto opens by a suggestion that from the authors of the Declaration of Independence, nothing but justice, liberty, and popular government is to be expected; and alludes to the visitors as physicians come to feel the pulse, while the manifesto itself is the voice of the patient, describing symptoms. Admitting that it is well to accustom the Filipinos to contributing their pro, or share of the cost of

improvements, it describes the existing taxation as unbearably heavy. The land tax, it is said, has caused the insolvency of many who have had to dispose of their holdings at public auction. Rents and property have lowered thirty per cent, so the first reform should be a lowering of taxation, and the removal of the municipal imposts which are impoverishing the poorer classes in the villages. To compensate for the loss of revenue it would be sufficient, it is urged, "to fulfil the solemn promise of President Roosevelt" that all American employees, except those indispensable through their special knowledge, be substituted by Filipinos who have been approved by the Civil Service Board, and who would accept lower wages. Many such, it is pointed out, are still without employment. Also it would be possible "to introduce other important economies by the simplification of the service; by the suppression of unnecessary departments, and the reduction of exorbitant salaries, and the elimination of many other useless expenditures." One of the greatest evils afflicting the Philippines, "as has been observed by Secretary TART, Governor WRIGHT, and Mr. WILFELY," is that of "boonism, with its attendant cohorts of abuses and corrupt practices." And reading on, we find it admitted that "boonism" is a legacy left by the Spaniards, and that, as outside information of Tammany would suggest, an American product. The appeal is for democracy and equality in the Philippines, and for an extension of a very much restricted suffrage; for the jury system; and the petition then goes on:

"The working classes here are exploited and tyrannized over; the cost of living—the price of food, of clothing, rent, everything, has appreciated enormously, while they are still oppressed and ill-treated. The usual daily wage in the provinces is twenty cents gold, and in Manila forty cents, and by the Spanish Penal Code, which is still in force, laborers are not even allowed to associate themselves to obtain an increase of remuneration. Here, where there is even a society for protection of animals there is as yet not a law providing for damages in case of accident while at work, nor any for the protection of the large number of working women, although such laws are numerous in all civilized countries. The result is that hardly a week passes that some wretched son of toil does not die, a victim of some accident, without redress or indemnification, as constantly happens in the quarries of Siiman, and even in the shops of Manila."

Truly a strong argument, and the plausibility and general ability shown in the drafting of this manifesto ought to be sufficient to prove Mr. ALLEYNE IRELAND wrong in his opinion that the Filipinos are an incapable folk. It is amusing, even, in face of such opinions, to find this "incapable" people protesting at the immigration of Asiatics, the competition of whose labour with Filipino labour is dangerous because of the "low standards and few needs of the Asiatic." Absolute loyalty is claimed, and "ample autonomy" demanded, as promised; or in other words, independence with a protectorate. America should not "imitate the contemptible colonial methods of exploitation which the European nations have employed, and which, so surely as the ever watchful justice of God exists, must sooner or later fail irretrievably."

Singapore has a Chinese Volunteer Club.

A military "cave chantant" takes place at Kowloon to-night.

Lieut. C. Y. Hibbert has qualified at the Hythe School of Musketry.

There were 166 Non-Chinese and 48 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Reading Room during the week ending the 5th inst.

The Perak papers voice a rumour that Dr. Gerrard has accepted an appointment in the Hongkong Government Medical Service.

Mr. H. H. Capper, the senior proprietor and editor of the Times of Ceylon, died in London on the 2nd July at the age of 49 years.

News comes from Tokyo to the effect that the Japanese Government has agreed to the exchange of about 300 prisoners of war—officers only.

Twenty-five Igorrotes (Filipino natives) arrived on the *Rubi* on Monday night, to be transhipped here to Portland, Oregon, where they are to be exhibited.

The Standard of July 8 states that Messrs. Harland and Woolf have secured an order from the British India Company for two very large steamers for the Eastern passenger trade. One of them is to be turbine driven.

So great are the ravages of black measles, yellow fever, and malaria at Chagres, Panama, that a train is making from off to four trips daily to the cemetery with victims. American workmen have been warned to avoid the isthmus.

The discovery of an obscure and hitherto ignored clause in the American insurance law makes it probable that the U.S. Superintendent of Insurance will order the distribution at an early date to the shareholders of the Equitable Life Assurance Company of a surplus amounting to \$215,000,000.

The week's plague return dated 5th inst. gives five cases and six deaths. Yesterday a plague fatality was reported from Victoria Grot, so that the total now stands at 274 cases, with 257 deaths. One Portuguese died of small-pox; otherwise, there was no other disease worth noting.

We are informed that the Viceroy has been the subject of congratulation in connection with his reply to the American Consul, translated by our Canton correspondent and headed "American Consul and Shrewd Viceroy." It is understood that the *Daily Press* report of it was brought under His Excellency's notice by Dr. Rasling, the Viceroy's Doctor.

A contemporary has a description of modern travel on inland waters that has its serious side, as well as humorous. The Chinese engineer of a motor launch 80 ft. above Hankow, when his engine made alarming noises, ran the launch ashore, raked out the fire, spent three hours tinkering, re-filled the boiler, and went on again. The passengers were far from happy.

The *Japan Chronicle* learns from Japanese sources that Messrs. Samuel Samuel & Co. have in the last few months purchased a large number of the fourth and fifth issues of the Treasury Bonds. It is stated that the bonds purchased on account of the firm's Yokohama office alone amount to ¥35,000,000, while those purchased by the Kobe office are given at ¥2,000,000, and the Tokyo branch ¥8,000,000.

Yesterday Messrs. Kruse and Company's new and commodious premises situated at the angle of the Hotel Mansions abutting on Pedder Street on the one side and Chater Road on the other, were opened. The firm was established here in 1868, 37 years ago, and does a big business in cigars and other requisites of the smoker. The cigar room in the new premises holds three-quarters of a million cigars. Messrs. Kruse and Co. do a big business from Japan to Bombay, and even to Europe where they supply many of the continental clubs with Manila cigars. They also send supplies to the British Navy.

"LOCAL NEWS" IN MID-OCEAN.

A Kobe resident who was on his way to England received the news of the great victory on the Japan Sea on board the *Haruma* when in the middle of the Atlantic. He has sent to Japan a copy of the *Little Japan*, which is published on the 2nd under the title of "Cruiser Daily Bulletin," and which prints "Marine signals direct to the ship." The telegrams are sent by Reuters Agency from the Marconi Station at Poldhu, Cornwall, and the ship's position is given in the bulletin as "1387 miles from Liverpool. The account of the great victory occupies forty-four lines of the ordinary newspaper column width, and forms an excellent summary of what occurred on those memorable days of the end of May. Besides the news relating to Japan, the same issue reports the resignation of the Speaker of the House of Commons, the result of the yacht race across the Atlantic, and a reported collision on the Paris subway, and gives the result of the Derby. Under the head of "Local News" appear reports from the steamers *Altair*, *York*, *Butcher*, and the *Union*. Altogether the *Little Japan* is a creditable production, and when it is considered that it is produced in mid-ocean, by means of telegrams sent through the medium of the air, it is a remarkable example of the extent to which modern scientific discoveries are combating space and time.

THE "EXTENDED ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE"

The *Japan Chronicle* is sceptical regarding the reports of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. We extract the following:

With reference to the *Butcher's* telegram giving the reasons for the rejection of office by the British Cabinet, notwithstanding a defeat in the House of Commons, a Japanese paper says definitely that negotiations are in progress with Great Britain with a view to giving wider range to the existing Anglo-Japanese Convention. According to the *Osaka Mainichi*, the substance of the new agreement is believed to be as under: The *Coke* journal gives no authority for its supposition.

1.—That the alliance be made offensive and defensive, and in case of one of the allies being involved in hostilities with a third party, the other will immediately render assistance.

2.—That the sphere of territory over which the alliance will extend shall include India, and in time of emergency Japan will dispatch troops to that theatre.

3.—That the words "the independence of Korea" be struck out of the treaty of alliance.

We believe that all this is pure speculation. Secrets of this character do not leak out from the Japanese Foreign Office while negotiations are in progress.

FOREIGN IRON WORKS IN JAPAN.

BIG PROFITS.

The eighteenth annual general meeting of the Yokohama Engine and Works Ltd., was held at the office of the company on the 28th ultimo. The chairman (Mr. B. C. Howard), in moving the adoption of the annual report and balance-sheet, pointed out that the net profit for the year was ¥38,320.80, against ¥10,867.00 for the previous year, which must be considered a very satisfactory showing. The usual percentage for depreciation had been written off building, plant, and machinery, but the steam launch account remained the same as the launches were kept in a thoroughly efficient state of repair and were entered on the books at a low valuation. Material in stock showed a slightly higher value than last year, and the bank account was in a much more satisfactory condition. The balance at credit of profit and loss account for division amounted to ¥31,935.34, which was so satisfactory that the directors considered it a good opportunity to start a reserve fund and they recommended that a sum of ¥20,000.00 be carried to that account as a commencement. A dividend of ¥10 per share was proposed, the balance ¥5,935.34 to be carried to new account.

"In a business like ours," added the Chairman "there are always great fluctuations, and until peace is proclaimed the return of trade must be more or less uncertain. It will, therefore, be the policy of your directors to keep in view the world financial position of the company, and they hope to be able to recommend additions to the reserve fund as opportunity offers. The appointment of Messrs. C. K. Marshall Martin and F. J. Abbott to the Directorate was confirmed, and Messrs. F. J. Hall and J. F. Cor Edwards were re-elected Auditors.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE BOYCOTT NUISANCE.

OTHER NATIONS INTERFERE.

SHANGHAI, 8th August.

Owing to the positive injury menacing all foreign trade, the local branch of the China Association has telegraphed to Sir Ernest Satow, requesting him to point out to the Wai-wu-pu that the boycott movement threatens to seriously disturb commerce in general.

The Chamber of Commerce also has addressed the Consular Body, asking them to try to persuade the Wai-wu-pu to interfere.

BRITAIN'S FRENCH GUESTS.

LONDON, 8th August.

Portsmouth has made up for the hospitality of the people of Brest. A most enthusiastic reception was given to the naval visitors from France.

His Majesty the King spoke at a dinner, welcoming his guests, to whom he was able to tender the heartiest good wishes, not only of himself, but also of the British nation.

M. Cambon, the Ambassador in London, and Admiral Caillard both replied, expressing their pleasure in the reception, and in the good entente it signified.

Decorations have been conferred upon the principal officers, (in return for the similar compliment paid to the British navy by France).

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, 8th August.

The plenipotentiaries have arrived at Oyster Bay; the Japanese Bureaus were received by President Roosevelt on board of the Government yacht *Mayflower*, the Japanese proceeding to the Russians.

THE "EMPEROR OF INDIA" AND THE "QUANG TAI" COLLISION IN 1903.

LONDON, 8th August.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has affirmed the judgment of the Shanghai Supreme Court, finding the *Empress of India* solely to blame for the collision with the Chinese cruiser *Quang Tai* in 1903.

A MANILA SENSATION.

"Dr. Lukban now seeks to enter." "Supposed irreconcilable is aboard the steamship 'Taming' in the bay."

He is a brother of the pair lately found guilty of conspiracy, and comes from Hongkong. Under these glaring headings, the *Cadenes* of Aug. 5th says—

On board the *Taming* which arrived last night, too late to pass quarantine, came with his family, including his wife, who is said to be very ill, Justo Lukban, one of the three Lukban brothers who were supposed to have been concerned in the revolutionary schemes here at the time of the *Ricarte* outbreak. Justo Lukban was in Hongkong at the time his brothers were arrested, and thus escaped trial at that time. In the evidence brought out in the Gomez trial it developed that Justo was implicated in the return of *Ricarte* to Manila, he having written to his brother Vicente asking money to pay the passage over.

In September 5, 1903, the three brothers met at the house of one of them, Vicente, and there it was that the plans for the return of *Ricarte* were arranged. The three brothers had just returned from Hongkong and Justo had no time in returning to that place owing to the danger of being arrested.

The presence on the *Taming* of Lukban was first made known to the police by a representative of the *Cadenes* who went out to board her. It is understood that Lukban is practically under a ban, and the eyes of the secret service are on him. Whether he will be compelled to take the oath of allegiance before landing is not known, but it is understood that it rests entirely with the collector of customs. His status is apparently very doubtful in the *Ricarte* affair. He undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the getting of the revolutionary back to Manila but whether the case against him will be pushed or not is very uncertain.

While in Hongkong Lukban practiced medicine and had a large clientele among the Portuguese. The sickness of his wife has compelled him to return to his native land and he has considered the present to be the most propitious, hoping in the presence of the Secretary of War to secure some measure of pardon, it is said.

Mr. C. H. Gale has won the cup offered by the Captain of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club his score at the monthly meeting being 85—18—77. Mr. M. G. Burns won the pool with 78.

CANTON NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, 5th August.

CHARGES AGAINST CHINESE COMMANDER.

His Excellency Viceroy Shau has been receiving repeated reports and complaints that Colonel Yung Hong-pang has misappropriated large sums of money from the Po Wai Ying. A few days ago, without any warning, he sent a deputy to seize the books of that station; and expert accountants are now going through them. The Po Wai Ying (station for protection), which is near the I. M. Customs, was established about four years ago, on Colonel Yung's recommendation, to protect junks towed by steam-lanterns only, such as ply between Canton and up-country places. Piracy was the danger, and as there are about 200 launches engaged in this trade, 80 soldiers were kept at the station. Colonel Yung has been in charge since it was opened. Each junk was supplied with four soldiers armed with Mauser rifles, who stayed on the towing launch. Ten per cent. of the passage money was paid by each junk in return for this protection.

MELPHEUS GOES.

On the 3rd inst. all the Josses in the Cheong San Temple (late seized by order of the Viceroy) were taken outside and burned, under the supervision of a non-superstitious person called San King Pok. For some days beforehand, the monks were busy spreading the rumour that the Gods had heard of the order and were very angry, and that the recent earthquakes were sent by them as warnings. All who helped to destroy them were to perish of the plague, which would moreover devastate the neighbourhood. Naturally, those who believed in their power at once put a considerable distance between themselves and the scene of such impiety. They will probably come back when they hear that the priests were lying prophets.

PRISONERS AND THE HEAT: MANY DEATHS.

Thousands of those confined in the prisons of Kwangtung have died as a result of the weather. In Ching Yuen prison alone, the number of fatalities is put at hundreds. "I wonder if the officials feel any responsibility in this matter. If they did realise their responsibility, and had any of the bowels of compassion, I suppose we should soon see, as the result of this dreadful mortality, an era of prison reform dawning. It is hardly necessary for me to enlarge on the notorious insanitary condition of the average Chinese prison; or to remind you that many of the prisoners who have thus perished were possibly innocent men, who would ultimately have been released.

SILK WORM CULTURE.

I am informed that the prospects of the silk worm industry are very alarming. The mulberry trees up country have been attacked by millions of worms called "cao mo" which breed so fast that before one lot can be destroyed, the next is devouring the leaves, and leaving the trees as bare as over winter wind could strip them. The price of mulberry leaves has risen to over two taels per picul now in consequence, and the silk worm rearers are facing heavy losses.

7th August.

MORE WORK FOR YUEN SHI-KAI.

An official telegram from Peking to-day states that the Imperial Council intend to place the undetermined six provinces under the control of Yuen Shi-kai (Viceroy of Chilli)—Shantung, Shanai, Honan, Shengking, Kirin, and Heilungkiang.

GERMAN CONTRACTOR UNDER ARREST.

The German railway contractor who is alleged to have murdered a railway guard named Lau Chang-ting in Yunnan has arrived in Canton. Tann Yin, the deputy who brought him, handed him over to the Nanhai Magistrate on Saturday, and he was at once transferred to the custody of the German Consul. He now awaits trial on the charge.

A DEAD DEFAULTER.

The late Chan Tit-sai, ex Hoppo treasurer, was, prior to his death, ordered by Viceroy Shau to submit his accounts in full, as there was talk of an enormous deficit. The family of the deceased is now "under vigilant surveillance," or practically under arrest. It is further stated that his property is held until the treasury accounts are settled. His Excellency has also said that as the deficit is so large, and must have been accumulating for a long time, Chan Tit-sai's predecessor must be held partly responsible. This was Chan Tung-shang, a cousin, now abroad.

A TEMPLE TORNED FACTORY.

Two wealthy merchants surnamed Chan and Ching intend to lease the large temple called Ho Tung Chi in Honan for twenty-five years for the purpose of manufacturing piece goods for local consumption. Each partner subscribes 50,000 taels to capital.

IMPERIAL YABRANT NECESSARY.

A NOTABLE REFORM.

The Board of Punishments at Peking has decided that henceforth no capital punishment may be inflicted without the special sanction of the Throne. The officials are specially warned that they must no longer behead criminals and memorialise afterwards. Particulars of the crime are to be first submitted, and the officials are to abandon the formula, "beg for orders to inflict capital punishment." The Throne will consider and decide.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P.M. str. *Manchuria* sailed from Manila on the 8th inst. at 11 a.m., and is due here tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The T.G.M. Australian str. *Willahad* left Sydney on Saturday at noon, and may be expected here on Monday, the 28th inst.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, the 7th Aug., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe where she is due to arrive at 8 p.m. to-day. The Silk exp. C.P.R. str. *Tartar* arrived in New York on the 4th Aug.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The eightieth report of the court of directors to the ordinary half-yearly general meeting of shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 19th August, 1905, at noon, reads as follows:

To the proprietors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

GENTLEMEN.—The directors have now to submit to you a general statement of the affairs of the bank, and balance sheet for the half-year ending 30th June, 1905.

The net profits for that period, including \$1,483,408.75, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to \$3,711,002.18.

The directors recommend the transfer of \$500,000 from the profit and loss account to credit of the silver reserve fund, which fund will then stand at \$3,500,000.

After making this transfer and deducting remuneration to directors there remains for appropriation \$3,106,002.18, out of which the directors recommend the payment of a dividend of one pence and fifteen shillings sterling per share, which at 4/11 will absorb \$632,929.22.

The difference in exchange between 4/6, the rate at which the dividend is declared, and 1/103, the rate of the day, amounts to \$871,111.11.

The balance \$1,702,728.85 to be carried to new profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS.

Mr. H. E. Tomkins, the Honourable Mr. W. J. Gresson and Mr. E. S. Wheeler having resigned their seats on leaving the Colony, the Honourable Mr. C. W. Dickson, Mr. G. R. Medhurst and Mr. F. Salinger have been invited to fill the vacancies; these appointments require confirmation at this meeting.

Mr. H. A. W. Slade has been elected chairman for the remainder of the year in place of Mr. Tomkins, and Mr. A. Haupt succeeded Mr. Slade as deputy chairman.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. A. G. Wood, who offer themselves for re-election.

H. A. W. SLADE, Chairman.

Hongkong 8th August, 1905.

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

30th June, 1905.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	LIABILITIES
Paid-up capital	10,000,000.00
Reserve fund	10,000,000.00
Profit and loss account	8,000,000.00
Marine insurance account	250,000.00
Notes in circulation	250,000.00
Authorized issues against securities deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	10,000,000.00
Additional issues authorized by Hongkong Ordinances No. 19 of 1900 against securities lodged with the Hongkong Government	5,000,000.00
Current account—	15,000,000.00
Silver	870,300.00
Gold	26,945,747.00
	141,149,679.25

Fixed deposits—

Silver	50,000,000.00
Gold	25,267,420.00
	197,437,925.63

Bills payable (including drafts on London Bankers, call loans and short sight drawings on London Office against bills receivable and bullion shipments)

17,285,365.89

Profit and loss account—

3,711,002.18

Liability on bills of exchange re-discounted, 24,579,869.25, of which 23,008,082.10 is due since run off

\$315,850,560.80

ASSETS.

41,235,818.50

Cash lodged with the Hongkong Government against note circulation in excess of \$10,000,000

8,500,000.00

Bullion in hand and in transit

5,112,504.06

Indian Government rupee paper

2,378,061.58

Consols, Colonial and other securities

11,576,537.65

Sinking reserve fund investments, viz.—

2 per cent.

Consols at 85—

434,500

of which 225,000

225,000

National war loan, at 90—

225,000

225,000 Other sterling securities, written down to—

283,000

\$1,000,000 10,000,000.00

Bills discounted, loans and credits

194,244,416.60

Bills receivable

THE BATTERY PATH AFFAIR.

ACCUSED ON TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

The hearing of the charge of manslaughter preferred against Aaron Ellis, tailor's cutter, in connection with the death of Gunner Richard Sampson, R.G.A., at Battery Path, on the 17th July, was opened before Mr. F. A. Hazland at the Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Brutton, Heit and Goldring) appeared for the accused.

Mr. Bowley, in relating the facts of the case, stated that deceased had been a gunner in the 88th Co. R.G.A. for several years, and had an exemplary military character. He arrived in the Colony on December 1st, when he was placed on military police duty, and continued on that duty till his death. The accused was a tailor. On the 16th July the deceased went on patrol duty in the eastern district, his term finishing at midnight. Shortly after this hour he returned to his quarters at the military prison, Queen's Road, opposite Murray Barracks, but only remained there a short time and then went out. Evidence would be called to prove his movements up to that point. After that what he did could only be surmised. About 12.30 that night deceased met two women, Misses Lilian Desbrie and Bessie Radcliffe. It appears that he accosted the former, and some words passed between them. Miss Desbrie states that deceased hit her in the mouth, and she called out to her companion in the leading direction. Deceased then left her and went up Battery Path, immediately afterwards accused arrived in a risha from an opposite direction, and asked Miss Desbrie what was the matter. She told him a soldier struck her in the mouth, and pointed in the direction he had gone. Accused went up Battery Path and after a few minutes returned, when Miss Desbrie asked him what happened. Accused said he had knocked the soldier down, and she went up the path and saw him lying full length. It appears that she kicked him and asked his name, but got no answer. She then took his regimental badge off with a view to identifying him and left him to rejoin his companions. The three then went to the Owl Grill room and there the accused, whose knuckles were bleeding, obtained some brandy and rubbed them. He said the wound was caused by his fist coming in contact, as he thought, with the soldier's teeth. Accused and the two women then left for the Buffalo Club, returning about 1.30 a.m. when they went up Battery Path to see the soldier. He was not there, but they saw a large pool of blood on the pathway. While the three were on the way to the Buffalo Club an Indian Sergeant had come across the soldier lying unconscious at a spot 150 feet below the steps running down by Bousfield Arcade. There was a good deal of blood on his face, and a pool of blood beneath him. The Indian sergeant called a constable who was on duty in Queen's Road, and together they tried to rouse the soldier, but found it impossible. They then put him in a chair and took him to the Central Police Station. He was there seen by the Inspector on duty and immediately sent to the hospital, where Dr. Bell examined him and found his skull badly fractured. It was impossible to do anything for deceased, who never recovered consciousness and died the same night. It seemed quite clear that accused caused the death of the gunner, and Mr. Bowley asked His Worship to commit him for trial at the criminal sessions.

William Bissell, assistant engineer, Public Works Department, gave evidence as to preparing a plan of Battery Path.

Company Quartermaster Sergeant Crane of the 88th Co. R.G.A. deposed:—The deceased gunner, Richard Sampson, was a member of my company, in which he had served for eight years and nine months. The 88th Co. reached Hongkong on 4th December last. Shortly after his arrival deceased joined the garrison police. There is nothing against him on the record of his company that I am aware of.

In cross-examination I have known the deceased for about four years. I know him in Malta and Ceylon. I do not know whether he was a teetotaler, but never saw him take a drink. I know nothing of deceased's character regarding women, but according to his attestation he was unmarried. The company feel very strongly about this case, the feeling against the accused is rather vindictive.

Sergeant Gillespie was next called. He said:—I am sergeant in charge of the military police at Hongkong. Gunner Richard Sampson was a policeman from December last until the date of his death. On the morning of the 16th July, deceased came off duty from the Mease on which he had been for a week. Between seven o'clock, after he was dismissed, and 9.45 o'clock, he could go where he pleased. After the 9.45 parade deceased was on patrol duty at the eastern end of the town. When I was going my rounds that night I saw him at the corner of Arsenal Street and Queen's Road East. I was in his company until 11.30 p.m. and his patrol duties finished at midnight. At this time he should return to barracks and report at once. After midnight the military police are not allowed out of barracks. At 3 a.m. on the morning of the 17th July, in consequence of a telephone message received, I searched the barracks but could not find the deceased. I next saw him at the Government Civil Hospital in an unconscious condition.

In cross-examination—Duty on the Mease is not popular. Deceased was not a teetotaler, but I have never seen him under the influence of liquor. Men on patrol duty enter public houses when they are required to restore order, or they might go in to search for absentees. There is no rigid rule against a military patrol entering a public house. I do not know whether deceased had any drinks on duty on the night of his death. I know of nothing against deceased's character as far as women are concerned.

W. J. Woodham, sworn, stated:—I am a private in the R.W. Kents, and am at present performing military police duty. Deceased was on the same duty. On the 16th July we had just finished a week's term of duty on the Mease. I think deceased went ashore once during that week. On the evening of 16th July I went on patrol duty with gunner Sampson. We arrived home at 12.10 a.m. and I reported to the Sergeant that all was correct. During the time we were on patrol duty gunner Sampson had a glass of beer at the Pava East Hotel. Between seven and eight o'clock I had two pints of beer in my presence. Deceased was sober when he went off duty, and returned to barracks. Hearing continues.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 8th August.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

A QUESTION OF COMMISSION.

The Sam Choy Brick Tile and Timber Company sued the Wing Wo Company for \$377.92 being balance due for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. R. F. C. Master (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiff, while defendants were represented by Mr. C. E. H. Beavis (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist).

Mr. Beavis stated that the sole question between the parties was one of commission, and of accounts.

Mr. Master put in a document by which defendants admitted a debt of \$6770.68 on June 20, 1902. Mr. Master desired to start the accounts from that date as then the accounts were squared.

Mr. Beavis said that his clients had paid the \$6770.68, and asked that the accounts be taken from 1901. He was prepared to prove that in 1901 the accounts were squared; since then they had never been adjusted.

Mr. Master:—In 1902 they were squared.

Mr. Beavis:—I have no idea what the money (mentioned in the document) was owing for.

Mr. Master:—It is for balance of goods sold and delivered. If Your Lordship admits this document I submit that I am entitled to judgment because after 1902 we are agreed upon the accounts which show a balance in favour of my clients.

Mr. Beavis:—Taking the accounts in my clients' books we find there has been any commission allowed on the payments made. This is due to me, and when credited leaves an amount of about \$70 due to the plaintiff; this amount we have paid into Court. I am prepared to prove that on every payment premium is allowed.

The Punish Judge:—I do not see how you can ask for it.

Mr. Beavis:—In one case I can show that we actually received premium. My clients all right on the question of premium: that is all there is between us.

The Punish Judge:—Well, you will have to make up your account from 1901, up to the date you are agreed upon.

Mr. Beavis:—They start their account with a balance due of \$9,000 odd.

The Punish Judge:—That will be the amount of the claim in the original jurisdiction of 1902.

Mr. Beavis:—What I want is an account to check my account by.

The Punish Judge (to Mr. Master):—Well, you can do that.

Mr. Master:—I can do it but I don't think I should do so. They signed the document admitting their liability of June 20, 1902.

The Punish Judge (to Mr. Beavis):—You want to collect commission on \$9,000 odd?

Mr. Beavis:—No, on \$9,000. I wish to prove that commission is always allowed. If we paid \$1,000 in bank notes to the plaintiffs they would go to a money changer and get \$1,040. Had we pressed for commission on the original action we would have got it.

The Punish Judge:—If the case had come before me and that question had arisen I would have told you to pay the amount in full. If you claimed a rebate I would say no. I do not see how you are going to get over it; this is the money you have to pay. You cannot claim anything in the way of commission on this document. If you think it worth while you can bring a separate action for the commission. Supposing you paid an account in bank notes and they were put straight into the bank the vendor would not get anything extra.

Mr. Beavis:—But they don't do that.

The Punish Judge:—But they might. I will adjourn this case until Friday and in the meantime you may be able to settle it between you.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 8th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen over S. China and Formosa, and fallen in W. Japan.

The typhoon is moving Northwards in the Eastern sea to the N.W. of Japan.

Fresh S.W. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and moderate S.W. winds over the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate S.W. winds; fine. Returns from the Philippines are lacking.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Dr. F. Clark (President) presided, and there were also present Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice President), Dr. Pearce, Dr. Macfarlane, Mr. E. Irving, Mr. F. J. Buley, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. H. W. Slade, Mr. A. Rumjahn, and Mr. W. Bowen-Kowlands (Secretary).

THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS.

The recommendations of the committee appointed to consider in what cases buildings should be allowed to exceed a height of 76 feet first dealt with the type of building, stating that exemptions from the provisions of section 188 (5) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance 1-03 shall only be granted in the case of hotels and large blocks of offices of European design. Regard shall be had in every case to the obstruction of the light of adjacent and of opposite properties, as well as of the building itself, and this shall be secured by the setting back of any portion of any storey which is more than 76 feet above the level of any side street, or of the back yard of the building, so that it shall fall within a line drawn, at such level, at an angle of 63.5 deg. with the horizon. In no case shall the height of the building exceed one and a half times the width of the street on which it fronts [section 188 (3)], and in the case of land obtained from the Crown after February 21st, 1903, such height shall not exceed the width of the street on which the building fronts [section 188 (4)]. Not more than six storeys shall be allowed in any case, and with the exception of two storeys to each storey, only the four upper storeys shall be used for sleeping purposes. The ground storey shall not be less than 20 feet in height. No modification of terms of section 138 in respect of verandahs at the side or rear of such building shall be granted in these cases, and where any street at the side or rear of such building is less than 50 feet in width, no balcony shall be projected therefrom over Crown land in such street.

The following memorandum was submitted by the M.O.H. One of the most important results of limiting the height of buildings is the proper lighting of the ground and lower floors. Darkness necessitates artificial light, and it is always accompanied more or less by dirt and dustiness. A house in Hongkong erected on land obtained from the Crown after the passing of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance may be fairly compared with a house erected under the London Building Act on streets formed after 1894. Also a house erected in this Colony after the passing of the present Ordinance, but on land obtained before the passing of this Ordinance, may be fairly compared with a house erected in London under the 1894 Act on streets formed from 1892 to 1894. It appears that to regulate the height of new buildings on old sites in Hongkong by the width of the streets alone is liable to have very serious effects upon the lighting and ventilation of the city. If the height of a house is governed merely by the width of the street on which it fronts, and if the limitation of the height of storeys to 15 feet be only insisted on in the absence of special strength of walls, and be modified at once if the house be built as to render it strong enough to have a story of over 15 feet high, or in other words if the Ordinance be mechanical administered without regard to the sanitary questions of ventilation and illumination, the condition of houses in Hongkong in these respects will be far behind comparable to houses in London. Properly, in a tropical city, especially in one so unfortunate in situated for matters of lighting and ventilation as the city of Victoria, more effort should be made to obtain the beneficial effects of open space. The more buildings erected to excessive height, the greater will be the danger from overcrowding, with its accompanying dirt and disease. Where dealing with houses to be erected on land obtained from the Crown subsequent to the passing of Ordinance 1 of 1903, the law requires that no house shall be erected to a greater height than the width of the street in which such house fronts. This law then fixes a minimum standard as necessary for the effect of the height of buildings, otherwise this regulation would have no *raison d'être*. It follows, therefore, that there is an objection on sanitary grounds to buildings exceeding the height limit. On the grounds of expediency, then, objection has been waived in the case of houses erected and to be erected on ground leased before the passing of this Ordinance. An impartial consideration, it is trusted, will make it clear that too limit to the height of buildings should not be exceeded except under the following circumstances:—(1) When the building is so situated in the midst of open space, which cannot be built over, that its extra height will not affect the access of light to any of its windows; (2) Unless, as a compensation for the effect of the extra height, the lighting of the building, there be a setting back of the floors in the manner provided for under the London Building Act; (3) When the extra height of a building will not deprive any neighbouring building of any of the light it would enjoy if permission for the extra height had not been granted; (4) Where the building is not a tenement house as defined by Ordinance 1 of 1903, (5) Unless under a condition that such building be reduced, at the expense of its owner, to the height only to which it might have been erected, had permission for the extra height not been granted, upon the owner being called upon so to do by the Government.

Mr. GRATHAM moved an amendment to the second recommendation that the latter part thereof should be secured by deletion. He said:—The effect of this recommendation, if adopted, would be that most buildings fronting

on wide streets could not have a square elevation to that street.

Mr. SLADE seconded the amendment.

Dr. PEARCE:—I should like to draw the attention of the Board to the fact that if the height of buildings is not governed by some definite rule, the Board will not be in a position to tell owners of property under what conditions they may or may not raise their buildings higher than 76 feet. Perhaps the Hon. Director of Public Works has got some other scheme which he could suggest.

THE PRESIDENT:—This amendment brings us back to the original clause, and it was in reference to the wishes of the Medical Officer of Health that this particular clause was added. There should be some definite rule laid down to guide officers of the Board with regard to matters falling under clause 2.

Mr. RUMJAHN proposed that the report be adopted and a copy forwarded to the Governor. Mr. BARKLEY seconded the motion, which was agreed to, the amendment being lost.

DEFECTIVE DRAINAGE.

The Sanitary Surveyor forwarded a report on the drainage at the rear of I. L. 1569.

Mr. RUMJAHN:—It appears from that report, called for by me, that the drainage system at the rear of that lot is defective, and that a nuisance exists there. This defective drain has been in existence for some years. As the report states, the amount of storm water flowing into the surface channel from the hill at the rear, and the amount of surface water from the large number of houses forming this block of property is all washed into a drain only six inches in width. The surveyor suggests as a remedy the extension of a surface water drain, which would relieve the six inch drain, to the back of those houses. I think it would be advisable for the Board to divert the flow of surface water of these 22 houses into another trap to be placed at the other end of this surface channel which would have the effect of entirely remedying this defect. The surveyor further states that this drain was built on the system recommended by a committee. I was on that committee and say that we never recommended small drains to carry off storm water. I hope the Board will see that this defective drain is removed.

THE PRESIDENT:—Will it meet your views if the matter is referred to the Sanitary Surveyor to report as to whether a six inch drain is adequate. He is competent to answer the question.

Mr. RUMJAHN:—We won't say anything about his competency, because he is only acting.

MEAT INSPECTION.

Mr. RUMJAHN moved that the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon be appointed a committee to report as to local inspection of cattle and meat.

Mr. FUNG WA CHUN seconded. Carried.

RATES.

For the week ending 26th July 378 rats were caught, of which 38 were found to be infected, while a similar number were infected out of 568 caught during the week ending 5th August.

DEATH RATE.

The British, foreign and Chinese community, excluding the Navy and Army, showed a death rate of 28.4, as against 25.9 for the corresponding week last year.

EXCELLENT WATER.

Mr. Frank Brown, Government Analyst, reported analysing a sample of water, which he found to be of excellent quality.

COTTON SPINNING IN JAPAN.

A RECORD HALF YEAR.

The latest issue of the Kanaguchi Spinning Company, published in the *Japan Chronicle*, is a business report and statement of policy that will be read with interest. The company announces the establishment recently of a scheme by which its operatives and other employees will benefit, a scheme for sick relief and pensions which may probably lead to the adoption of a broader scale such as have proved a success in Europe. This Japan company has now been established nearly twenty years, during which time it has passed through both commercial and financial fluctuations, but it occupies a place of great importance in the industrial concerns of the country, and its policy, as outlined by the management, is largely concerned with improving the condition of the operatives, a policy which is likely in the long run to prove a profitable one to even the shareholders, who the world over, are a rule not particular by what labour their dividends are made.

The most prosperous half-year in the history of cotton spinning in Japan has just closed. During the last six months the Kanaguchi Company cleared over 1,700,000 Yen in profits, of which, however, only half a million was allotted for dividend. Of the remainder, \$100,000 goes to the newly-formed employees' sick and pension fund, and while over a million is placed to the reserves and carried forward. Altogether it is evident that the company is in a thoroughly sound position and is managing with great ability both financially and in its policy as regards employees.

AN ESCAPED WAR PRISONER.

RETRAYED BY A SPOON.

The *Japan Chronicle* reports:—A policeman on patrol on the Bantan line a station of Himeji Station was passing a siding where several supposedly empty compartments were standing, when his attention was attracted by the sound of snoring. On placing his lantern to the window of one of the coaches he espied a truly Russian prisoner sound asleep. The policeman did not disturb the prisoner's slumbers, but immediately informed the authorities, who lost no time in reapplying the Russian. It seems that the man, who is regarded as slightly deranged, escaped by climbing over the wall of the prisoners' quarters at the Sakata branch depot.

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Hongkong, 20th July, 1906. [1863]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL.
SATURDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1905.
AT 8 P.M.

UNIQUE REPRESENTATIONS.

PROGRAMME.

LEGLISIR D'AMORE
(DONIZETTI) 1ST ACT.

PART II.

CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA
(MASCAGNI).

PART III.

RENANI (VERDI) 4TH ACT.

Tickets can be had at ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1905. [1856]



To the OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BYE LAWS (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Eastern Division of the City of Victoria and the Eastern Division of Kowloon must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of July and August.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the house should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase—all cubicle partitions, stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and undersides of roofs, both in attic buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.

The back yard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.

Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed but must be cleaned.

The Eastern Division of the City is bounded on the West by Gilmour Street and on the East by the Western Division of the City and on the North by the boundary between the City and the Kowloon District and on the South by the boundary between the City and the Kowloon District.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS, Assistant Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of July, 1905. [1857]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from E. W. RUTTER, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, On FRIDAY, the 11th August, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., at the Imperial Bank of China Office, Prince's Building, SUNDRIY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

AMERICAN ROLL-TOP DESKS, WRITING TABLES, OFFICE AND VIENNA CHAIRS, ELECTRIC FANS, a quantity of CANTON BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, 7 MONEY SCALES, MARBLE-TOP ROUND TABLE, &c., &c.

Also One IRON SAFE by James Black, London. One SALTERS' TYPEWRITER, and 2 CLOCKS by J. W. Benson. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH.

Auctioneers. Hongkong, 9th August, 1905. [1858]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from E. W. RUTTER, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, On SATURDAY, the 12th August, 1905, at 2.30 p.m., within his residence, No. 3, MACDONNELL ROAD, THE WHOLE OF HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

PLUSH-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, CARD TABLE, MOROCCO-COVERED ARM CHAIRS, MARBLE-TOP SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, GLASS MOUNTED DOUBLE BEDSTEADS with WIRE MATTRESSES, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, TEAKWOOD WARDROBE with BEVELLED GLASS, GLASS CROCKERY and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, SPOONHORN CURTAINS, LACQUERED TEA POTS, SHANGHAI BATHS, &c., &c., &c.

Also A Quantity of CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH.

Auctioneers. Hongkong, 9th August, 1905. [1859]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship

"PALANCOFFA," Captain E. H. Garland, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, 15th inst., at DAYLIGHT. For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [1854]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 10th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [1855]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BANCA,"

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 11th inst. at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Unpacked packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representatives at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [1]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"ORESTES,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., LD., where in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 11th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 15th August.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th August, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th August, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [9-10]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON, MIDDLESBORO, AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENROY,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 15th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW, Agents.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [1250]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have this day REMOVED to our new premises Corner of Canton Road and Pedder Street, OPPOSITE HONG KONG HOTEL.

KRUSE & CO.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1905. [1850]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST & RESPONSIBILITY

of the undersigned in the business carried on under the style of THE MUTUAL STORES at 25, Des Vaux Road Central, and at Shauke Street, Canton, ceased as from the 1st July, 1905.

All Debts due and owing to The Mutual Stores up to the 30th day of June, 1905, will be collected by me.

All Claims against The Mutual Stores up to the 30th day of June, 1905, must be sent in to the undersigned at 25, Des Vaux Road Central, before the 31st day of August, 1905, otherwise they will not be recognised.

We take this opportunity to thank the numerous Customers who have accorded us their esteemed patronage in the past.

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FRED. C. MOW FUNG.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1905. [1825]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at M. A. H. YAU'S FERRY WHARF STALL. Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903.

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the OFFICIAL RECEIVER, to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 9th AUGUST 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Vaux Road (Corner of Ice House Street), SUNDRIY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

MARBLE TOP SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, LEATHER-COVERED DINING ROOM SUITE, DINNER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP TABLES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBE with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, CUT-VELVET PICTURES, CURTAINS, ELECTRIC FAN, BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, &c., &c., &c.

Also One RICKSHA.

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TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1905. [1849]

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For further particulars, apply to F. X. D'ALMADA E. CASTRO, Solicitor for the Vendor, or to Geo. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1905. [1792]

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. [761]

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [1853]

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1905. [1766]

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [70]

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SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [13]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [181]

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Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. [1567]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, No. 18 Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 15th AUGUST, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th August both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th July, 1905. [1737]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of August, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 30th June, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. E. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1905. [1812]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY the 19th day of August, 1905, (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1905. [1803]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, 21st August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1905. [1774]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the provisions of No. 121 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents have this day declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND of 10% for the half year ending 30th June, 1905, on the Paid-Up Capital.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS payable on FRIDAY, the 11th August, will be issued to Shareholders on application.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 13th August, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1905. [1804]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 4095 issued in Hongkong on 23rd September, 1901, for 50 Shares of this Company, numbered 30827/30857 in the name of ANTONIO OSORIO, of Manila, has been LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 26th day of August, a DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE will be issued to the said ANTONIO OSORIO, and no transaction taking place under the afore-said Share Certificate No. 4095 will be recognised by the Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1905. [1769]

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Hongkong, 6th August, 1905. [1840]

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